UNIVERSITY of ALASKA

Faculty Alliance

Friday, November 14, 2008
2:00-3:30pm, Bridge # 1-800-893-8850, pin 2151251
Fairbanks site: Carter Conference Room204, Butrovich Building

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

   The meeting was called to order at 2:30pm. At 2:50pm, Jill Dumesnil had to leave for another meeting and turned the gavel over to Jon Dehn.

   Members present:

   Jill Dumesnil, Chair, Faculty Alliance; President, UAS Faculty Senate
   Anne Bridges, President, UAA Faculty Senate
   Marsha Sousa, President, UAF Faculty Senate
   Genie Babb, 1st Vice President, UAA Faculty Senate
   Jonathan Dehn, President-elect, UAF Faculty Senate
   Cathy Connor, Past President, UAS Faculty Senate
   Jon Genetti, Past President, UAF Faculty Senate

   Pat Ivey, Exec. Officer, System Governance

   Others present

2. Adopt Agenda

   MOTION: passed

   "The Faculty Alliance moves to adopt the agenda for the November 14, 2008 meeting. This action is effective November 14, 2008."

3. Approve October 29, 2008 minutes
   http://gov.alaska.edu/Faculty/Minutes/2008/10-29.pdf

   MOTION: passed

   "The Faculty Alliance moves to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2008 meeting as amended. This action is effective November 14, 2008."

4. Report from the Chair – *Jill Dumesnil*

Chair report was waived in the interest of time.

5. Old Business

5.1 Academic Master Plan Status

Jill Dumesnil and Jon Dehn are taking input from the Alliance and Senates and redrafting the Academic Master Plan charge. The redraft will be distributed Monday for comment prior to sending it to the Systemwide Academic Council on November 20.

5.2 Distance Education Legislative Audit Update

No formal audit has been received to date beyond the oral report.

5.3 Role of Governance vis a vis Admin Councils

The System Governance Council will draft a position statement for review and endorsement by the other governance groups prior to submission to the president.

5.3 Other Old Business

5.3.1 Education Summit

Approximately 400 people attended the education summit. UA representatives were estimated to be 2/3 administration and 1/3 faculty. They plan to come out with a list of ideas that will be refined by the Commissioners office. Hopefully the final product will contain a timeline, process and end point. Legislators also attended, mostly from Anchorage.

6. New Business

6.1 UAF Motion Re In-State Tuition for Grad Students

The Alliance determined that the action should be limited to UAF and removed from the Alliance agenda.

6.2 ASTE Conference *per J. Monahan request for input*
http://www.aste.org/

John Monahan requested Alliance suggestions for ASTE conference topics that would be more relevant to university.

6.3 Other New Business

There was no other new business.

7. Faculty Alliance Initiatives – 2008 – 2009

7.1. Sustainability – *Jill Dumesnil, Marsha Sousa, Anne Bridge*s

UAA hired a new sustainability director, Paula Williams.

7.2 Need-based Financial Aid – All

This was an item of information.

7.3 Civic Engagement – *Jonathan Anderson*

No report was given.

8. Administration Advisory Council Reports

8.1 Systemwide Academic Council – *Jon Dehn*
http://www.alaska.edu/swacad/files/SACmeetings/SAC_RAC_10-15-08
Main web page: http://www.alaska.edu/swacad/sac.htm

The academic master plan charge and distance education realignment continue apace. The distance education realignment is continuing apparently without faculty input.

ACTION: The Alliance will draft a memo requesting written report on the status of the distance education redesign and faculty involvement in the process.

8.2 Human Resources Council – *Genie Babb*

No report was given.

8.3 Instructional Technology Council – *Marsha Sousa*
http://www.alaska.edu/itc/meetings/

There are no paper textbooks in the UAF bookstore any more beginning next semester. Students have to go to the web to order books. No textbooks in bookstore, beginning next semester. Prices will be less. UAF bookstore apparently had a 40 percent markup on textbooks, highest in the country.

8.4 Research Advisory Council – *Jonathan Dehn*

8.5 Business Council – *Cathy Connor*

The sad message was the whole university system is down $11 million in interest income so each MAU should reserve 8 percent carry forward. APEA has filed to unionize staff employees.

8.6 Student Services Council – *Genie Babb*

A written report on the latest meeting is available at http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-11-06.sscreport.pdf

8.7 Student Success Steering Committee – *Jill Dumesnil*

No report was given. The committee has not met since spring.

8.8 Retirement Committee – J*on Genetti*

The retirement committee will meet November 20 at 9:00am. TIAA is going to come in and talk about what they offer. TIAA is in competition with Emeriti. If you are a member of United Academics or ORP, United Academics sent out a letter talking about moving against ORP changes. The process will be to make an appeal to the ORP board and exhaust every administrative appeal before filing a lawsuit. At the UAF Faculty Senate meeting the UAFT representative had a fax from the union regarding a notice of intent to file a lawsuit. They have already threatened the next step but run the risk of getting tossed out because they didn't exhaust every remedy. However, the notice of intent to appeal may be part of the process.

9. Senate Reports UAA UAF and UAS

UAA – http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-11-14.uaasenatereport.pdf
Main web**:** http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/governance/facultysenate/index.cfm
UAF - http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/facultySenate.html
UAS – http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-11-07.uasfsenate.pdf
Main web: http://www.uas.alaska.edu/FacultySenate/

UAA Faculty senate sent a written report. Genie and Anne attended an all-faculty assembly. Dr Gary Rice gave a presentation on new methods of tracking student success. About 35-40 faculty turned out.

UAF Faculty Senate is frustrated that faculty are not included in decisions affecting faculty. At next administrative committee meeting there will be a big discussion will be how to make sure they are included.

UAS Faculty Senate had the interim provost and dean was present (combined position) and giving updates. Since he isn't appointing an acting dean until January, he is reading promotion and tenure files himself.

10. Board of Regents Meeting December

Faculty Alliance members will provide input to the chair regarding testimony before the Board.

11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Agenda items will include a written report on the education summit, the academic master plan, faculty involvement in distance education, and other items of interest.

12. Other Items of Interest

There were no additional items of interest.

13. Comments

There were no additional comments.

14. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35pm.